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TO : Chief, ICAPS

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FROM : Chief, Reference Center

SUBJECT: Proposed NSCID re CIA responsibility for biographic data on foreign scientists.

1. The draft for the subject directive has been discussed on the working level with representatives of State, Army, Navy and Air. Two minor modifications have been made in paragraph 1b -- one at the request of Navy, and one at the request of State. Navy wished to replace the words "collecting agency" by "department concerned" lest, at some future date, "collecting agency" be misinterpreted to mean CIA. In accordance with present working arrangements, State usually sends to CIA the documentary references to biographic materials rather than the materials themselves. This is agreeable to both parties, and State wished that the arrangement be covered in the directive.

2. The two minor changes in no way modify the intent of the directive, and in its present form the draft is agreeable to all the IAC agencies. Capt. Duborg, USN, tells me that he has sent a memorandum to Capt. Davis expressing his satisfaction with the draft. In addition, I have left a copy of the draft with manuscript revisions with Cdr. Packard, who has promised me that he will personally take it to Capt. Davis and request him to check with Capt Duborg if he still feels any doubt concerning it.

3. It seems to me that the directive might now be redrafted in NSCID form and distributed through the Standing Committee to the members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee for vote.

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